

Docket No.: 49657-551

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of

Kazuhiro AIHARA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/499,037

: Group Art Unit: 2826

Filed: February 07, 2000

: Examiner: J. Mondt

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

2826
2/8/02
PATENT
RECEIVED
JUL -2 2002
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

#14 / 1DS
7-24-02
entry

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date and after the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER REFERENCES AFTER CLOSE OF PROSECUTION AND
BEFORE PAYMENT OF ISSUE FEE

The undersigned hereby requests consideration and entry of this Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying references under 37 CFR 1.97(d)(2).

Please charge the processing fee under 1.17(p) of \$180.00 to Deposit Account 500417.

CERTIFICATION PARAGRAPH

The undersigned certifies that, to the best of his knowledge, each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign

06/27/2002 SDENB0B1 00000134 500417 09499037

01 FC:126 180.00 CH

patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement as described in 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1).

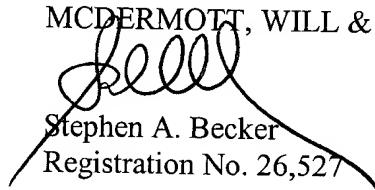
Each non-English language reference was cited in a corresponding foreign application search report or office action and its relevance discussed therein. A copy of the foreign search report or office action, together with an English language version thereof, is attached for the Examiner's information.

In case that non-English reference(s) are included, a concise explanation of the relevance of the reference(s) is required according to 37 C.F.R. §1.98. According to M.P.E.P. §609(A)(3), the requirement for the concise explanation can be satisfied by submitting an English version of the search report or the office action, which indicates the degree of the relevance found by the Korean Patent Office. Therefore, we send you enclosed a photocopy of the search report or the office action and the cited reference (s) in connection with the counterpart application, without an English translation of the reference(s).

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

MCDERMOTT, WILL & EMERY


Stephen A. Becker
Registration No. 26,527

600 13th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005-3096
(202)756-8000 SAB:jgh
Facsimile: (202)756-8087
Date: June 21, 2002